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Shanghai Post Office Shooting

YOUNG BRITISH POLICE OFFICER WOUNDED

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—Duncan E. Crank, 21-year-old Probationary Sergeant of the Shanghai Municipal Police, is lying in the General Hospital with a serious gun-shot wound in his chest, received when he was trying to settle a quarrel in the General Post Office at noon today.

One man has been detained by detectives.

The quarrel with the postal employee was over the hot water supply and led to a call being made for police assistance.

Crank is a Shanghai boy. He is a former pupil of the Shanghai Public School and is a popular member of the Force.

One of his sisters is the widow of Mr. Chetwood Crawley, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who was killed on the Yangtze, below Hankow, last year.

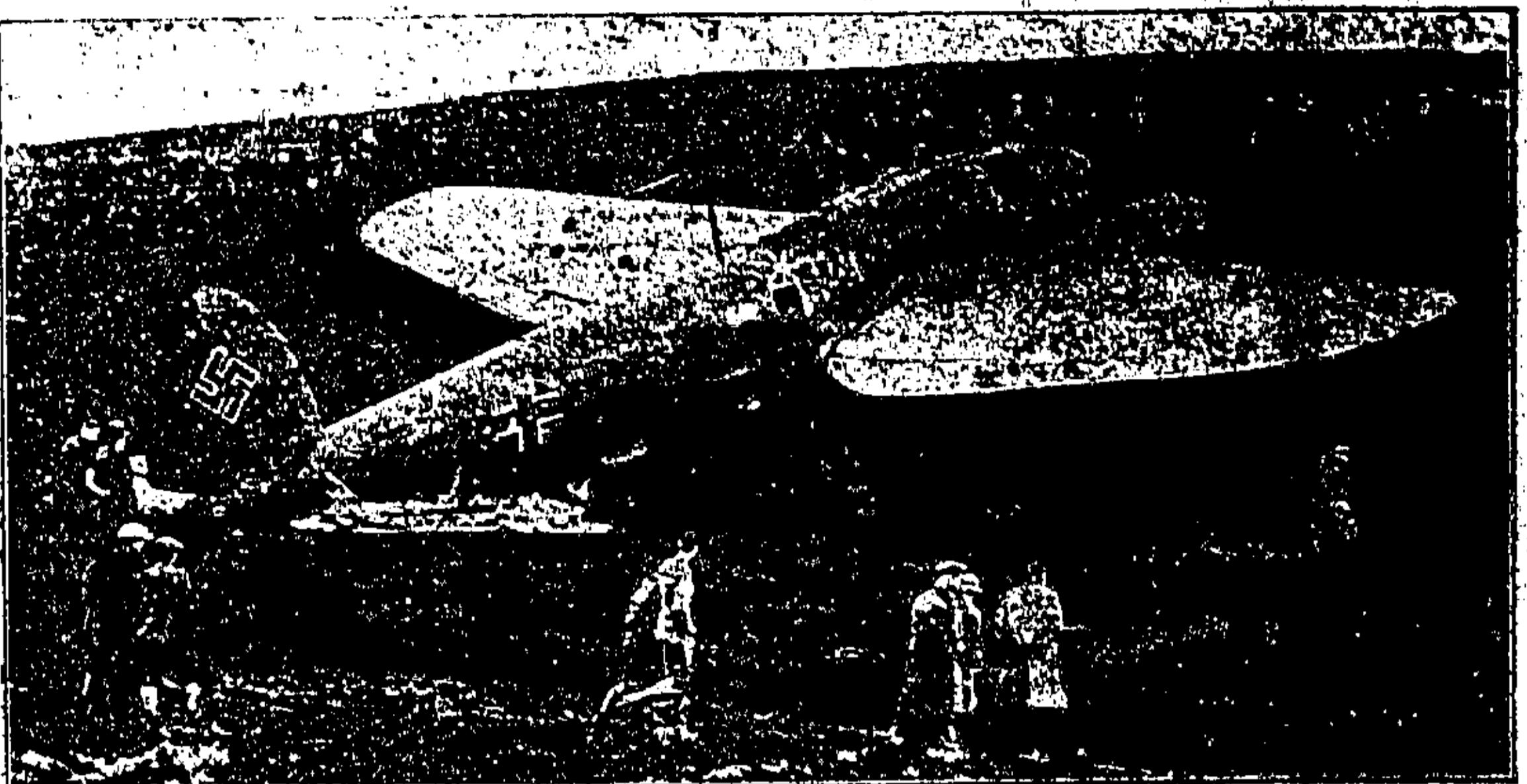
Another sister of Crank, Mrs. Hunt, is said to be residing in Singapore.

Csaky Will Confer Again With Ciano

ROME, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—A report from Budapest that Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, is flying to Rome tomorrow to confer again with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and probably Il Duce has convinced political observers here that definite proposals must have been submitted by the Italian Government at Venice.

A communiqué issued after the Venice meeting declaring a perfect identity of views between the two Governments prompts the view that Count Csaky will announce that the Japanese authorities are doing everything to respect foreign rights in China.

GERMAN RAIDER SHOT DOWN



GERMAN AEROPLANE BROUGHT DOWN.—Picture showing the German aeroplane after being brought down by British fighter machines while attempting a reconnaissance over the Firth of Forth. Above shows the machine, riddled with machine-gun bullets, embedded in a hillside east of Falkirk. The aerial combat, in which the British fighters chased the raider for several miles, was watched by a large number of people. Two of the German airmen were killed, one was wounded.

U.S.-Japan Trade Relations

TOKYO, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—Something is expected to eventuate before long in connexion with Japanese-American trade relations, said the Foreign Office spokesman at a press conference today.

At present, however, there is no definite plan regarding the suspended conversations between Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador in Tokyo, and Admiral Nomura, Japanese Foreign Minister. The spokesman added that the outcome depended on mutual friendliness and cordiality.

Asked whether any of the numerous issues between Japan, America and China have been settled, the spokesman said that several issues are under consideration but none has been actually settled.

Replies to the question as to whether the request of the American Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin for amelioration of the blockade restrictions had brought any result, the spokesman said that Count Csaky will announce that the Japanese authorities are doing everything to respect foreign rights in China.

SHANGHAI MURDER TRIAL

ECKFORD DECLARIES HE HAD NO INTENTION OF SHOOTING CPL. DAVIS

Seaforth Highlander Gives Evidence In Own Defence

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10 (REUTERS)—THE COURT ROOM WAS BUSIED THIS AFTERNOON WHEN PRIVATE DAVID ECKFORD, of the Seaforth Highlanders, who is charged with murder, took the stand to give his version of the shooting of Lance-Corporal James Davis, of the same Regiment.

Eckford said that Davis was in charge of the post to which he was sent as a senior soldier to replace another who was ill.

On the morning of the incident he bought several bottles of beer from the N.A.A.F.I. van and later in the day he bought others from a Chinese money exchange shop.

Towards dark he went for a walk and, on his return, he was reprimanded by Davis for leaving the post. He then proceeded upstairs and to go up to get them.

PICKED UP MY RIFLE

"I went upstairs but there was no beer. I picked up my rifle and came down. I intended to give Davis a fright as he had been bullying me."

Eckford described how he slipped a bullet into the rifle and walked towards Davis.

At this point witness was asked to demonstrate how he was holding the rifle and it was decided by the Court that the position was something like a trial arms position except that both hands were holding the rifle.

"I lifted the rifle to my shoulder and said, 'I am going to shoot'."

Eckford declared that he had no intention of shooting Davis.

FINGER ON TRIGGER

In reply to a question, he said that he could not remember if his finger was on the trigger.

Subsequently, after cross-examination, Eckford admitted that his finger must have been on the trigger but he could not say when it got there.

Asked why he had not said that it was an accident before, Eckford answered that he had been placed in the guard room and was told that he need not say anything then.

The hearing was adjourned to tomorrow morning.

DANISH ISLAND BOMBED

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—

The Chinese press continues to show great interest in the developments concerning the Japanese Cabinet crisis.

The Ta Kung Pao, generally regarded as the best informed newspaper in Chungking in a leading article today forecasts the early resignation of the Abe Cabinet.

The paper also offers advice to the Premier General Abe, that other probable Japanese cabinets are not to assume "responsibility for the hopeless attempt to conquer China but to allow the Japanese Army to face the situation."

Gen. Ugaki Favoured:

General Sugiyama, General

Count Terauchi and General Hata,

the present War Minister, are also

favoured.

It is reported the fire was a small one.

STOP PRESS

THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION RECEIVED A CALL AT 3.10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING TO AN OUTBREAK OF FIRE AT KING'S ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF MUNG YUEN.

IT IS REPORTED THE FIRE WAS A SMALL ONE.

PROGRESS OF CHINA TOWARDS DEMOCRACY WINS NATION MANY FRIENDS

TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT NEW LINK

ANKARA, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—The front pages of all Turkish newspapers prominently display the news of the signature of the trade agreement between Britain, France and Turkey.

Political circles consider the newly-signed agreement constitutes a new link and will considerably strengthen the sincere friendship and close collaboration between the three Powers.

The Allies' and Turkey's combined moral, material and military forces, it is added, erect an insuperable barrier against the spread of Nazi and Communist perils in southern Europe and their extension to the Mediterranean and the Near East.

Dr. Sun hoped that the entire nation will do their utmost to help realise both these tasks.

Dr. Sun said, strictly speaking, the nation is still somewhat short of some of the fundamental conditions for ushering in constitutionalism. It is an important step, however, for the country to take during the present war.

Dr. Sun reiterated that constitutionalism and political tutelage by the Kuomintang may run on parallel lines, the enforcement of the former being in no way obstructive to the promotion of the latter.

During his recent tour of Europe, Dr. Sun recalled, he was impressed by the universal praise given to China's constitutional movement. Many of China's foreign friends pointed out that the energetic steps taken to develop the nation's democratic government assures China's national revival.

China's efforts towards democracy is the more remarkable, as in recent years many European democracies have tottered, especially since the outbreak of the European war, when totalitarian ideals gained widespread prevalence.

The fact that, despite more than two years' war, China has steadfastly maintained her faith in democratic government, should prove of first international importance and deserves the praise of all her well-wishers, Dr. Sun stated.

Outlook In China Not Without Hope

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10 (Havas)—

IT IS UNREASONABLE to hope, if peace is restored in the Far East, China will be sharing in the business prosperity which neutrals enjoy at times when their belligerent neighbours are devoting a large part of their productive capacity to the manufacture of war weapons.

Thereby, China will go far to repair the ravages of the last two-and-a-half years," declared Sir Herbert Phillips, retiring British Consul-General, at a reception at the Shanghai Club organised by the British Chamber of Commerce.

Sir Herbert remarked that while the outlook in China was still obscure, it was not without hope.

Sir Herbert then recalled when he arrived in Peking 42 years ago as a student interpreter.

INQUIRY OPENS INTO SHANGHAI ST. FIRE DISASTER: GIRL KILLED IN FIRST FLOOR VERANDAH JUMP

AN INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF MAK SIU-FONG, A NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL, ONE OF THE 45 PERSONS WHO DIED in the fire disaster at Nos. 480 and 482, Shanghai Street, on the night of December 4, was commenced at Kowloon Court yesterday.

In explaining to the jury, Messrs. B.A. Gellman (foreman), Wong Kwai-yin and J. J. Remedios, the purpose of the inquiry, the Coroner, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, gave the official list of dead at 45 and 19 injured in the fire.

Three witnesses were heard yesterday. Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, gave evidence of a post mortem examination of the body of Mak Siu-fong, who died from injuries sustained in a jump from the verandah of the first floor.

Mak Yee, father of the girl, related how he ran out into the street after hearing police whistles to see the building across the street, where he lived with his family, on fire.

Mak Yee related further how he saw his wife with her small child jump into a sheet of canvas held by several men from the verandah of the first floor into the street below.

He watched one of his sons take the jump to land safely in the canvas sheet. His wife was injured, and his other son was also hurt. The body of his son was found in the street later.

Returning to the street, he saw his family and other tenants of the house gathered on the first floor verandah. In the street, a

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Children's Hour

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.30 Derickson and Brown and the Casani Club Orchestra

Fox-Trots—Until To-Morrow; Crying My Heart Out For You—Casani Club Orchestra; One Minute To One (Cooke and Lewis)—Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano); Fox-Trot—Life Begins When You're In Love (film The Music Goes Round), Comedy Waltz—The Peller That Played The Planner—Casani Club Orchestra directed by Charlie Kunz; The Little Dutch Mill (Fred and Barris); Over Somebody Else's Shoulder (Sherman and Lewis)—Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano); Fox-Trots—Heart of Gold; It's Rainin' In California—Casani Club Orchestra directed by Charlie Kunz.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report

1.03 Rossini-La Boutique Fantasque

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Flotsam and Jetsam, Sam Suzette Tarr, Clarita Wright, Ivor Morton and Dave Kaye and The Hill Billies.

Comedienne—My Alf (Tarr) and Jenkins; The Boarding House (Tarr)—Susette Tarr with Novelty Accomp., Vocal-Melodrama Of The Mice (Flotsam and Jetsam); King Canute (Flotsam and Jetsam)—Mr. Flotsam and Mt. Jetsam with Piano; Two Planes—Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: I surrender Dear; Yearning; Virginia; The Sheik of Araby; Oh you beautiful doll; Tea for Two—Ivor Morton and Dave Kaye with strings bass and drums; Vocal—Twilight Serenade—Intro: Love's old sweet Song; By the Fireside; I'll see you in my dreams; What Have You Done To My Heart (film 'Cafe Colette')—Clarrie Wright and The Twilight Serenaders; Vocal—Wandering Shoes (Hill Billies); Nobody's Darlin' But Mine (Davis); The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

5.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 A Dance Programme.

Slow Fox-Trots—Raindrops; Your Heart and Mine—Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Toot, Toot, Tootie on Your flute; 8.00 One-step—Follow The Band—New Mayfair Dance Orchestra; Tango—Novia; Desconchale—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trots—Thanks for the Memory (Big Broadcast of 1933); You Took The Words Right Out Of My Heart (Big Broadcast of 1933)—Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Rumbas—Maria, My Own; Green Eyes—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Waltzes—Colorado Sun (from the film); That Night In Avalon—Filip Hawaiian Orchestra; Quickstep—I'll Write A Love Song (from It's In The Bag); Slow Fox-Trot—My Secret Love—Affair (film Loveliest To Look At)—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Hal Lorenzo (Jazz-Piano), Toby Gray (Piano-Accordion) and The Harmony Three (Vocal).

1. Jazz in dem Horns—The Harmony Three. 2. Penny Serenade—Toby Gray and Hal Lorenzo. 3. Volga Boatman's Swing—Hal Lorenzo at the Piano. 4. Hawaiian Paradise—The Harmony Three. 5. My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean—A Novelty—Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray. 6. Snake Gets In Your Eyes—Frank (one of The Harmony Three). 7. Request Medley—China Boy; Blue Rhythm—Toby Gray and Hal Lorenzo. 8. Old Man of the Mountains—The Harmony Three. 9. Musical Mixtures No. 2—Toby Gray and His Accordion. 10. Piano Medley—Girl of My Dreams; Deep Purple; Heart's Delight—Hal Lorenzo. 11. Lonesome Road—The Harmony Three. 12. Novelty Medley—Booms-a-day; Palais Glide; Beer Barrel Polka—Toby Gray and Hal Lorenzo. 13. You Rascal You—The Harmony Three.

14. Studio—Talk "At Sea with the R.A.F. Coastal Command."

9.05 De Groot and The New Victoria Orchestra playing "The Gypsy Princess"—Selection (Kalmus).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 The Comedy Harmonists.

Ahl Maria Mari (Rusco-Di Capua); Gitarren Spiel Auf (Schmideder-Siegel).

When Sonja does a Russian Dance (Karlick and Others); A Little Madness (Rust).

9.43 Light Orchestral Selections.

Nights At The Ballet, No. 4—Intro:

Scheherazade (Rimsky-Korsakoff); Prince Igor—Danse des Jeunes filles Polovitzienne (Borodin); Swan Lake—"Scene" (Tchaikovsky); Carnaval—"Chopin" (Schumann); Les Sylphides—"Wals in E flat" (Chopin); Jeux d'Enfants—"Galop" (Smetana).

Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr. The Butterfly (Bendix); Neapolitan Serenade (Winkler); Alfredo Camilli and His Salom Orchestra.

9.58 Variety with Arthur Marshall, The Mills Brothers, Kanul and Luis, Irene Eislinger, Tessie O'Shea and Others.

Vocal—Julius Caesar (Rogers); Sixty Seconds Got Together (Livingston).

David—The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar); Hawaiian Orch—Sparking Waters of Waikiki.

Waltz—Blue Hawaii—Waltz—Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra, with vocal retrain Vocal—Just Once For All Time (film "Congress Dancer")—Irene Eislinger (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus; Humorous Monologues The Botany Class (Marshall); Reading To The Children (Marshall); Arthur Marshall; Fox-Trot—Over and Done With; Quickstep—P. D. R. Jones (from The Little dog laughed)—Jack Harris and His Orchestra Vocal—No Wonder She's A Blushing Bride (Mills and Others); Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! What A Silly Place To Kiss A Girl (Gibert); Tessie O'Shea with her banjo and Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Sweet Georgia Brown; Quickstep—Wabash Blues—Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins; Hawaiian Novelty—Out; Tomi Tomi—Kanul and Luis with Vocal Effects; Vocal—Long Time No See (Alman Cavanaugh); Hula Girl (The Beguine from "Whale"); The Andrews Sisters with Bob Crosby's Bob Cat; Comedy Fox-Trot—I'm Nuts On Screwy Music; I Laughed So Hard I Nearly Died—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

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Low 5.15 a.m. and 4.20 a.m.

Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.57 p.m.

Old Cheltonians Dinner, 8.15 p.m.

St. David's Sociey, Annual Mtg., Supreme Court Building, 8.30 p.m.

Chero Club, Darts, Ping-Pong and Billiards, 8.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall—Lecture on "First Aid" to Volunteer Nursing Department, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

13-Tides: High 12.42 p.m. and 11.10 p.m.; Low 5.47 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.57 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Entry Close for H.K. Jockey Clubs Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

Ruby Valley—Combined Services v. Club and Police, 4 p.m.

La Salle College O.B.A. Dinner Dance, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

14—Semi-final of G. M. Young Golf Cup due for completion.

Macao Races.

Ladies Colony Tennis Championships: Doubles Sem-finais, U.S.R.C. Courts, 3 p.m.

Joint Meeting of Executives and Supervisors of National Red Cross Society of China, 6.45 a.m.

15—Joint Meeting of Executives & Supervisors of National Red Cross Society of China.

16—St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive (open to public).

Fanling Hunt and Race Club Annual Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s Office, 8.30 p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. Quarterly Gen. Mtg., Wellington Barracks, 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, Annual Mtg.

17—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

18—Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "The Opportunity in Theosophy."

19—Central British Assn. Dance, Crown Land Sales, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

“Four Feathers” Opens At Majestic Tomorrow

Brunette-tressed June Duprez, Alexander Korda's twenty-year-old discovery, is co-starred with Ralph Richardson and John Clements in the producer's great Technicolor adventure drama of the Sudan, "Four Feathers," which is to be screened tomorrow at the Majestic Theatre.

Heading the cast which supports the two stars, are C. Aubrey Smith, Jack Allen, Donald Gray, Clive Baxter and Henry Oscar.

Zoltan Korda directed "Four Feathers" from the screen adapt-

wright.

All exterior scenes for the

film were photographed in the

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, where the

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NAZI AIR FORCE STILL INTACT

EDINBURGH, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—A warning against any reversal of the present precautionary system at home, was made by Sir John Anderson, Minister for Home Security, in a speech here.

The enemy Air Force is still intact he pointed out, and although there has not yet been a concentrated attack, nothing has occurred to show that it will not come when it suits the enemy's strategy.

RECENT THREAT

Referring to Field-Marshal Goering's recent threat to attack Britain with a huge Air Force, Sir John said: "We need not take too literally everything said by Germany's leaders, but it would be criminal to allow the British people to slacken their defences. Although nothing has happened in the first four months of the war the danger is no less."

AIR ATTACK ON BRITISH SHIPPING

MACHINE-GUNNING AND BOMBING

LONDON, JAN. 10 (REUTER)—GERMAN PLANES ON MONDAY ATTACKED BRITISH SHIPPING OFF THE ENGLISH COAST.

Five ships were attacked, two off the East Coast of Scotland and two further south.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE

The planes came up under the cover of mist and dropped bombs after machine-gunning the vessels. The reports so far indicate no serious damage, and only one man was slightly injured.

A fifth ship was attacked by two Heinkels of the East Coast and damaged. R.A.F. fighters went up, but made no contact owing to bad visibility.

UNIDENTIFIED PLANES

Unidentified planes flew high over the Firth of Tay area. They then made out to sea and four large explosions were heard.

R.A.F. machines went up and returned later.

High-flying planes also appeared over the Firth of Forth.

THREE SHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—An Admiralty announcement, issued at midnight, says that attacks by enemy aircraft, on small unescorted merchant vessels are reported in the North Sea.

Reports received indicate that three ships were sunk, namely, the British ship Gowrie (689 tons), whose crew were saved by a Danish ship, and two Danish vessels, the Ivan Kondrup (2,369 tons) and the Pedy (955 tons).

Eleven survivors from the Ivan Kondrup were landed by a British vessel, while 10 men are still missing. No news is yet available of the crew of the Pedy.

TEN MEN HIT

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—Ten men were hit when German planes attacked a British coastal ship off the East Coast, when, it is unofficially reported, the attack was driven off by the R.A.F. Two German planes bombed and machine-gunned a freighter northward bound off the English coast, but fled when the ship's anti-aircraft gun opened fire. No damage was done.

At least ten British ships were attacked, but only one was sunk. There were casualties among the crew from machine-gun fire.

One of the vessels attacked was the Trinity House boat relieving lightship crews. Four of the crew were wounded and one officer killed.

Attacks were made additionally upon fishing smacks.

R.A.F. attempts to tackle the Nazi machines were hampered by mist which covered the whole of the North Sea.

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First B.E.F. Officer Casualty On West Front

WOUNDED & TAKEN PRISONER: DIES IN HOSPITAL

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—The Official News Agency claims that the Germans captured the first British Officer to fall into their hands on the Western Front. He died later in hospital from his wounds.

The statement adds that he was left behind after an enemy reconnaissance.

COUNTY REGIMENT

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—A young officer of an English County regiment in a sector of the Maginot Line Front, is now reported missing, says Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F.

This is the first officer casualty suffered by the British Maginot Force.

Details are not available, but it is believed the officer was wounded and taken prisoner.

PRESIDENT HOPES FOR PEACE

SOME RESULT IS EXPECTED BY SPRING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—President Roosevelt indicated to a group of Protestant churchmen yesterday that he hoped his efforts for peace would find some practical encouragement by spring.

ENVOY TO VATICAN

The spokesman for groups of churchmen who have criticised President Roosevelt's decision to send Mr. Myron Taylor as his personal envoy to the Vatican, reported after their conference with the President, that the latter indicated that the appointment of such an envoy was based on a distinct aim in the direction of peace.

ANGLO-GREEK PARLEYS

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Havas)—The Greek Finance Minister and the Governor of the Central Bank are expected in London shortly for a discussion of Anglo-Grecian financial and commercial problems.

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ROOSEVELT'S HITLER GOES INTO LONG HUDDLE

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—Herr Hitler is now holding long conferences with his chief advisors, it is reported, in an attempt to reconcile Nazi Germany's relations with Soviet Russia and Fascist Italy.

TURKEY BLAMED

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—The Nazi press is attacking Turkey for favouring Britain and France in its foreign trade policy.

Although Germany holds credits against Turkey, the papers complain that Turkey is unwilling to liquidate them by delivering the raw materials which Germany needs.

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GENERAL

GESTAPO TURN ATTENTION TO WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY

TWO CATHOLIC ORGANISATIONS DISSOLVED

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—According to the Vatican Radio, the Gestapo has dissolved and prohibited two Roman Catholic women's organisations and the funds of the central office of one of these organisations at Dusseldorf have been confiscated.

SOVIEI PRIVILEGE

The Vatican Radio furthermore reports that, by a decree of the Soviet Government, a Russian atheist organisation has received special privileges, such as the holding of meetings without notifying the police, permission to carry arms and functionaries to be considered as Government officials.

Phoenix Park Ammunition Raid

DUBLIN, Jan. 10 (Reuters)—Seven men were accused yesterday concerning the raid on the magazine fort in Phoenix Park and were remanded until next week.

SENTRY'S STORY

The sentry, who was on duty, described how a man put a revolver to his throat demanding him to hand over his rifle, and two other civilians held the military policeman, while four or five others with revolvers, rushed in, ordering the Guard Commander and four soldiers to put up their hands.

CHUNGKING

Six men pointed revolvers at them and kept the guard for half an hour.

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NO LACK OF TALENT IN H.K. IN SPHERE OF BALLET

Splendid Performance By George Goncharoff School At The King's Theatre

THAT THERE IS NO LACK OF TALENT IN HONGKONG IN THE SPHERE OF BALLET was well demonstrated yesterday at the King's Theatre when the George Goncharoff School of the Dance, under the patronage of Lady Northcote, presented its annual show before a large audience.

LINGNAN UNIV. EXAMINATIONS

JAN. 22-27

According to an announcement from the Registrar's Office of Lingnan University, the final semester examinations, beginning Monday, January 22, and ending on Saturday, January 27, will be held in the Hongkong University Gymnasium.

Final Examinations in Civic Training (Military Training) and Physical Education will be held according to separate announcements, while the revised final examination schedule for the Lingnan College of Agriculture will also be announced separately in a few days, according to Mr. Lo, the Registrar.

There will be no examinations in some of the laboratory and post-graduate courses, while special action has been taken for several courses, to have their final examinations held prior to the examination period.

Lingnan University students been further requested to pay especial attention to the rules and regulations concerning the absence from final examinations, as previously announced by the Director of Student Guidance.

Deferred examinations or examinations held not according to the scheduled time and place shall not be allowed except with the written permission of the Dean of the University, obtained prior to such examinations.

Isako Circus For Hongkong

Arriving in the Colony yesterday afternoon from Bangkok by the Air France plane, was Mr. F. Isako, the well-known owner and manager of the popular European circus carrying his name.

Mr. Isako has travelled to Hongkong to ask for permission to transport his circus entertainment to the Colony for a limited presentation.

FROM BANGKOK

The groups of animals and personnel comprising the Isako Circus have been giving performances in Europe and India and have recently completed a month's engagement in Bangkok, where they were well received.

The circus and Mr. Isako are not new-comers to the Colony; two years ago they spent several weeks here, entertaining the public with their outstanding acts and animal presentations.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND

Thursday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.

DELPHINUS—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok, Delhi—7 a.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.

SERVICE—4 p.m.

SOUTHBBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France, Service—6 a.m.

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

EASTBOUND Wednesday: U. S. A., Manila, Hongkong.

PHILIPPINE CLIPPER—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Thursday: Manila, U. S. A.

Philippine Clipper—8:30 a.m.

NOTE: During the past two weeks, because of poor flying and weather conditions around Honolulu, Pan American Airways' clippers have not been calling in Hongkong or Manila. The Philippine Clipper due here last week, and delayed to this week, has again been held up and is reported to be leaving San Francisco today. With favourable weather, the service should arrive in Hongkong next Wednesday.

A credit to the teacher is the manner in which this talent is being studied, fostered and developed. The programme was a long one and gave every child an opportunity of putting into effect the fruits of training; and though the immature, especially the youngest pupils, were not given undue confidence and polish and understanding of movement fully bear out the promise they showed in past years.

FINEST ITEM

Miss Peggy Scotcher's Swan Dance, to music by Saint-Saens was probably the finest item in the show. The Springtime Suite, danced to the music of Eric Coates, was also excellent, while the Tap Dance by Betty Lee, introducing a more familiar, contemporary tempo was very well executed.

The show takes its name from ballet, "A Christmas Night's Dream," in which the young children give expression to a seasonal fantasy.

The performance, part proceeds of which will be donated to the Society for Protection of Children and the British War Organisation Fund, will be repeated today at 5:10 p.m.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Those who took part were:—
P. Scotcher, P. Pasco, E. Ford, L. Tesar, P. Stoneman, B. Lee, I. Attuck, J. Old, J. Penwell, W. Raven, J. Eu, Z. Mansel, A. Mansfield, G. van Wyck, L. Clemo, P. Brown, F. Chan, J. Chan, P. Guard, B. Tam, K. de Vos, P. Millett, K. Soong, M. Soong, M. Shim, C. Chu, L. Buckley, E. Farr, J. Farr, J. Black, J. Kanis, M. Cameron, A. Goldman, J. Cave, P. Wickerson, S. Wickerson, S. Bolton, J. Bowden, M. Whyte, A. Clarke, R. Arndt, L. Skvorcov, M. J. White, V. Langley, R. Langley, M. Terry, J. Goddard, M. Anderson, M. Patey, C. Wolfe, V. Ward, R. Orr, P. Boas, P. James, G. Tonoff, C. Hickman, B. Anna, M. Branson, J. Anderson, J. Woodward, A. Woodward, N. Roxburgh, G. Holmes, L. Richmond, J. Collis, M. Steel-Perkins, B. Marritt, G. Thornton, K. Thornton, L. Thornton, S. Prentis, E. Crickshank and George Goncharoff.

St. Andrew's Church Women's Fellowship Social

Members of St. Andrew's Church Women's Fellowship and their friends gathered in the Church's social hall for an evening of gaiety, dancing and light entertainment yesterday.

A special orchestra provided tuneful dance music, refreshments were served and, as an intermission, a playlet was given by members of the Fellowship.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Higgs were host and hostess of the evening's social.

In past years these social gatherings have been held frequently in the afternoon; however, for a variation and novelty the evening party was proposed and was evidently a great success from the crowded attendance.

ALLEGED THREAT AGAINST GIRL

Cheung Kam-chiu, 18, and Wong Kam, 28, appeared on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Court yesterday, on a charge of intimidation.

The defendants were alleged to have threatened a girl, Ah Ying, at Lockhart Road, on December 12 and to have demanded money from her in connection with joining a society.

Mr. F. H. Losby appeared for the defence.

Chan Chuen-ho, a friend of the complainant, said that while walking along Gloucester Road on Dec. 11, together with complainant, the two defendants came up and first defendant asked Ah Ying not to January 18.

SUBMISSIONS ON QUESTION OF ESTOPPEL

Mortgage Dispute Hearing

Submissions on the question of estoppel, raised by the defence, were made on behalf of the plaintiffs in the alleged mortgage fraud case by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., when hearing was continued at the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The property in dispute is No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central and No. 196 Wing Lok Street. Chan Fu-hing, Chan Sik-thin and Chan Kwok-nim, as co-owners, allege that two mortgages in respect of the property had been executed by Chan Chung-wah, brother of third plaintiff, without their knowledge or consent and ask the court to declare that they are fraudulent.

Mr. Potter and the Hon. Mr. D'Almada e Castro Jnr., instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada, are for plaintiffs while defendant, Fung Kal-sun, is represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C. and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

ENTIRELY UNKNOWN

If a person was the legal owner of property, said counsel, nothing short of conduct tantamount to fraud could deprive him of it. Plaintiffs were in no way responsible for the putting through of the mortgages, and the mortgages had been entirely unknown to them.

There was no rule of law that the owner, in such a case, must only notify the mortgagee but take steps to direct him or lose the property, said Mr. Potter, who referred to many authorities.

The hearing will be continued this morning.

GENERAL

ALL-IN BEE AT ZBW

NARROW WIN FOR TEACHERS

The teachers beat the mothers by eight points to six in the All-in Bee held at studio of ZBW at eight o'clock last night.

The competition took the form of tongue-twisters and questions in general knowledge covering literature, geography, history and mathematics.

This was followed by studio games which included the bringing in of certain given sentences in the course of a discussion on a subject.

For instance, while discussing Opera one party had to bring in the sentence "Suet puddings should be steamed through a handkerchief" and the other party, the sentence "But I thought cows were gentle animals." This provided listeners with some really amusing moments.

The competition was concluded at 8:30 p.m.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE COLONY

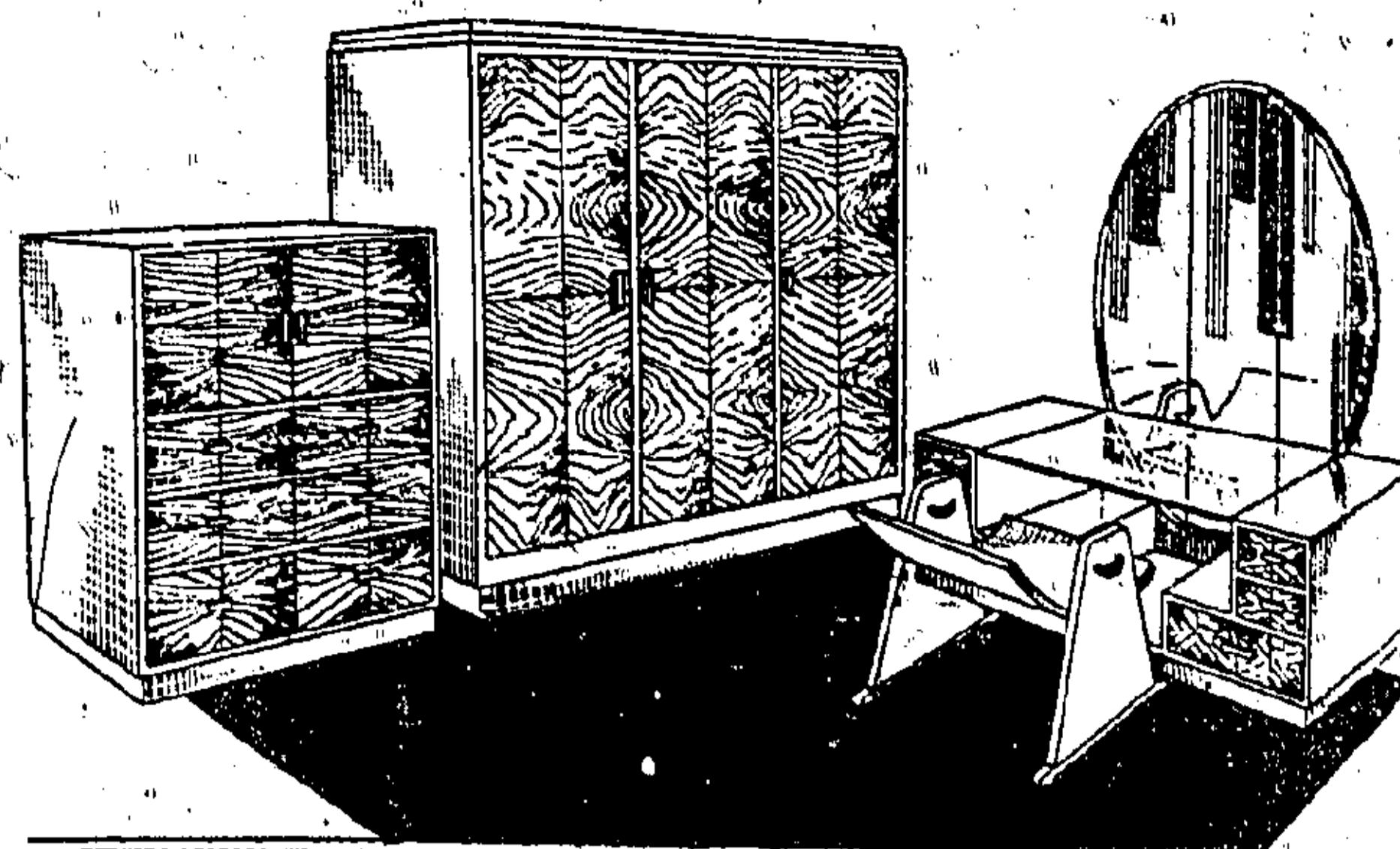
In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, there were altogether 82 traffic accidents as the result of which 1 person was killed and 23 persons were injured.

The person killed, a 6-year-old boy was knocked down and killed by a lorry while crossing the carriageway.

Of persons injured, 20 were pedestrians who were crossing the carriageway and were struck by vehicles.

Of 82 accidents, 37 were collisions between vehicles; 31 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 14 accidents were due to other causes.

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ARMED ROBBERS PREY ON JUNKS

Two Reports Made To Police

Reports of two daring armed robbers on board Junks have been made to the police.

MIRS BAY PIRACY

The master of a junk registered in Hongkong said that while his craft was in Mirs Bay, on Dec. 29, a gang of robbers boarded his ship and shot one of the crew, Cheung Kam-shu. The rest were held prisoners on board the junk for five days, and were relieved of money to a total sum of \$450.

\$8,800 CARGO LOST

A second junk, while sailing near Takmun, also within British waters, was boarded by a gang of pirates. A cargo of wood oil and wolfram ore, valued at \$8,800, was taken away.

WEDDING AT 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

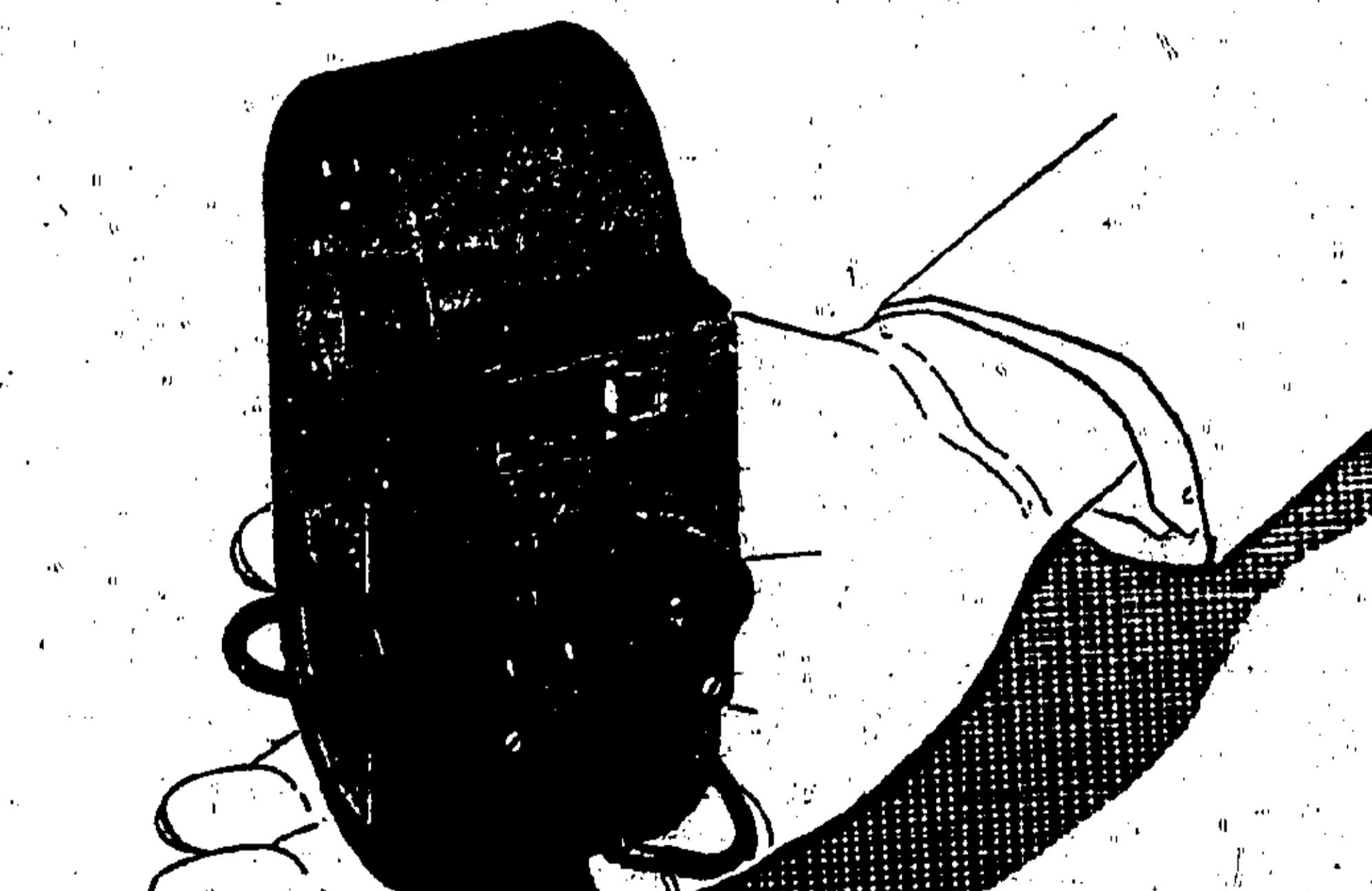
The pictures are done on special Chinese paper, some of them with what is known as a "dry ink" and some in colour, and the paper is pasted on thick silk. The pictures are preserved in hermetically sealed boxes, and their worth is said to be beyond reckoning.

bump into him. Ah Ying swore back at him.

On the following night, the two defendants met her at Lockhart and asked her where Ah Ying was. She took them to the complainant, and overheard the conversation when defendants asked Ah Ying to join a society.

Cross-examined by Mr. Losby, witness said it was untrue that she was with Ah Ying on the second night.

The hearing was adjourned till January 18.



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The tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling). No telegraphic transfer will be made for less than £100, but tenders for sums above that amount to suit the convenience of the tenderers will be considered.

The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the Treasury Chest Officer, Command Pay Office, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills, etc."

The right is reserved (1) to accept or reject any or all of the tenders, and, in particular (2) in case of equality of rate between tenders amounting in all to more than the total sum required, to give preference to any tenders received from Government Institutions or from the bankers to the Treasury Chest.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III Cap. 45 and 41 George III Cap. 52 the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills)."

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporated capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company."

T. A. MEEK,
Major R.A.P.C.
Treasury Chest Officer,
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hong Kong.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 11, 1940

PROFITEERS
IN JAPAN

RECENT EDITORIAL in the Japan Chronicle provides such a valuable sidelight on the state of "law and order" in that country and the practices prevailing among the mercantile section of a supposedly patriotic population at a time when thousands of Japanese soldiers are perishing in China that we devote to it today the whole of this space. The article follows:

IT HAS TAKEN rather a long time for authority to make up its mind on the profiteer, and for that matter it still remains to be seen whether the new Profiteering Control-Regulations are going to be enforced with the strictness which the situation requires.

HITHERTO, the anti-profiteering laws, enforced by ordinance, have been restricted in application to specified commodities. The new regulations have been broadened to include everything, and the maximum prison term becomes three years. Profiteering by the retailer, though dealt with by the same new law, entails much lighter penalties, offenders being liable to penal servitude for three months or a fine not exceeding Y100.

AFTER ALL, there has been reason to think that had the courts always regarded profiteering and breaches of the economic control regulations as grave crimes, respect for these ordinances would have been instilled long ago. The trouble began with the fixing of official cotton prices and the effort to keep pure cotton fabrics off the domestic market. Literally there were wholesale breaches of these regulations. Even reputable and leading spinners were involved, as well as the executives of industrial organizations, but although the police proceedings which resulted in prosecution doubtless led to many unpleasant moments, the culprits finally had no special reason to regret their enterprise. They were left with a large part of their profits, and in many cases these were enormous.

THUS MR. SHIONO, the Minister of Justice, had to warn procurators and judges attending the conference of law officers held in June last, that special measures ought to be taken against those violators of the control regulations who went into it with their eyes wide open.

There were some, said Mr. Shiono, who carefully totted up the cost of being found out and who decided that the certainty of discovery was no barrier to the illegal deal they were contemplating.

PRESENT JAIL ACCOMMODATION admittedly would be insufficient if all offenders were to be given prison sentences.

The making of a few examples on the other hand undoubtedly would exercise a wondrous effect. The leniency of the Japanese courts in matters such as these, including bribery and the like, never ceases to astonish.

THE INVESTIGATION conducted by Hyogo officials is not far short of staggering in its findings. In twenty-five per cent. of sugar, meat, and kindred purchases the customer has been accepting obvious short weight, yet complaints are not made because it is mutually understood between the shop-keeper and the customer that in a time of shortage the retailer's readiness to part with any of his stock at all is worth a little premium.

A TYPICAL CASE or two reveals what the gains have been. A textile firm in Osaka, buying waste cotton, cotton yarn and staple fibre and turning it into the domestic market, made £200,000 profit on an original outlay of £300,000. If all the principals paid £5,000 each, a handsome margin would still be left. In another instance,

B.F.R.D.C. APPEALS FOR \$400,000 FOR 1940

Audited Account Of Fund For Second Half Of 1939

The following letter has been received from Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Secretary of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hongkong & South China Branch:

I shall be grateful if you will be so kind as to give publicity to this letter, and to the accompanying audited account of the Fund in respect of the second half year of 1939.

The Board desires to express publicly its sense of appreciation and gratitude to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming for having undertaken the audit of the accounts of this Fund entirely free of charge.

This Fund was launched in November, 1938.

According to the audited accounts in respect of the period November 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939, the amount expended in actual relief during the period amounted to \$316,833.62 (previously published in the Press), and according to the latest accounts the amount expended for actual relief for the second half year of 1939 amounts to \$126,728.56, making a grand total of expenditure for relief from the commencement of the Fund, in November, 1938, to the end of 1939, of \$443,662.18.

If the Fund were to attempt to undertake relief work on a scale approximating that of 1939 the amount required for 1940 would be roughly \$400,000, of which, as can be seen from the audited accounts the amount in hand is roughly only \$59,407.97.

In view of the smallness of the amount in hand, and of the large amount required for relief, the Board of Administrators has very seriously considered whether they should not close the Fund. But realising the widespread distress prevailing in South China, including Hongkong, the Board feels that in spite of the numerous other calls on the public of Hongkong, they would not want this Fund to be closed for want of support, in view of the urgent necessity for its continuance, and that they would readily respond to an appeal which the Board now ventures to make through the Press.

All donations will be gratefully received by the Fund's Banker—the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

SUMMARY

The summary of receipts and payments from July 1, 1939, to December 31, 1939, is as follows:

RECEIPTS

To balance brought forward being cash at Bank at June 30, 1938, as per last account—\$162,131.73.

To subscriptions and donations from July 1 to December 31, 1939, in accordance with certificate of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp.—\$23,552.

PAYMENTS

By Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China

56 merchants divided ¥300,000, the profits of a series of cotton deals. Similar sums have been made out of iron, in fact out of every regulated commodity, and in each case the profit has finally come out of the pockets of a public which has wondered why prices are soaring.

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EDITORIAL

COLONY HEALTH:
FIVE CASES OF
SMALL-POX

Five cases of small-pox, all from Kowloon, were notified to the Health Department on Jan. 9, in addition to thirty-three cases of tuberculosis, one case of chicken-pox (imported), two cases of diphtheria and one case of dysentery.

FIRE INQUIRY

Continued from Page 1

Leung Hoi, 32, blacksmith testified that he lived in the cockpit above the third floor of No. 482, Shanghai Street with his wife and mother at the time of the fire. He was at home when the fire started, and the people on his floor first learned of it when they opened the door on to the stairs to find these ablaze.

He took down the cockpit ladder to the floor below where he propped it up against the stone wall on the front verandah. The ladder did not reach the roof, but he managed to grasp an iron ring above his head and hauled himself to safety. He called out to the others below, but they were either afraid to risk the climb or were overcome by the smoke.

He made his way along the roof to the fifth house in the block, which was then under repair, and climbed down by the scaffolding.

He trap door between the second and third floor was opened, witness said, and he saw a woman climbing through it. From the roof he could not see anybody on the third floor verandah of No. 480. The fire hoses were being played on the burning buildings as he was making his escape, Leung Hoi said, and he got wet while descending.

The inquiry will be continued this afternoon.

DETERMINATION
TO RESIST ANY
AGGRESSION

SHIUKWAN, Jan. 10 (Central)—Dr. Chung Kao-to and Mr. Chou Chu-hsien, representatives of the National Relief Commission, arrived in Shiukwan several days ago with \$300,000 for distribution among the north Kwangtung war refugees.

In addition to the amount appropriated by the National Relief Commission, the Kwangtung Provincial Government has also allotted \$50,000 for relief. A representative of the Provincial Government will accompany Dr. Chung and Mr. Chou in their tour of inspection and distribution.

Or the total \$50,000 will be used exclusively for the relief of refugee children.

HELP FOR FINLAND

"Germany's attempt to frighten the Scandinavian countries into not giving assistance to Finland," says the Daily Telegraph, "has merely made them more determined than ever to resist aggression."

"Sweden has not modified her determination, despite Nazi bluster."

Prof. Brierley Discusses Legal Aspect Of British Blockade Of Nazi Exports As It Affects Neutrals

LONDON, Jan. 10 (EWS)—Professor J. L. Brierley, O.B.E., J.P., D.C.L., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford, in a broadcast talk, discussed the legal aspect of the British blockade of German exports as it affected neutrals.

German violation of the Declaration of Paris by sinking both Allied and neutral merchant ships, regardless of the nature of ownership or destination of their cargoes, violation of the Submarine Protocol by which she undertook, as recently as 1936, not to sink merchant ships without assuring the safety of their crews, violation of the Eighth Hague Convention which bound her not to lay mines without taking every possible precaution for the security of peaceful shipping, rendered perfectly justifiable, according to international law, British retaliatory action of seizing German exports.

Admittedly neutrals were adversely affected but the British Prize Court was laying down good law when, in similar circumstances during the last war, it stated "The right of retaliation is the right of a belligerent, not concession by a neutral."

Retaliation was a legal right which could not always be exercised without affecting neutrals, and for the law to lay down that, in no circumstances, must it do so, would be to take away with one hand what the law had given with the other.

DEFINITE POLICY

It was a definite policy of the Germans to attack Britain, through neutrals, by illegally sinking neutral shipping to prevent them trading with us. All that could be done was to ensure that retaliatory action inflicted as little inconvenience as possible on neutrals. That certainly was being done in the present British retaliatory action.

BALCAN ENTENTE MEETING

BELGRADE, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—The Balkan Entente of Rumania, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia are to hold another of its regular meetings next month. The meeting will be held in Belgrade on February 2 and 3.

Under the Order-in-Council, a neutral ship incurred no penalty but was merely required to discharge goods laden in a German port or which were of German origin.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1940.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

THERE WILL BE GREAT ACTIVITY over at the shipping wharves tomorrow. The American President Line's flagship, will call at our port, Canadian Pacific's "Empress" will salute us "Adios," as she departs for ports across the Pacific, and the Burns, Philp Co.'s trim white motorship will be in from the land of Australia.

Imperial Airways inward service is on schedule and arrives at Kai Tak this afternoon with passengers and mail. Pan American Airways' schedule is proving to be a "headache" for many people.

Adverse weather and flying conditions have kept the clippers at their bases and the Philippine flying-boat due here this week will not be here before next Wednesday.

J.C.J.L. Line:

THE DUTCH STEAMER in from the north early this week proved quite a popular transport.

Mr. C. J. Schap of the Netherlands Trading Society in Shanghai arrived business calling. Mr. and Mrs. P. Nicholson, connected with the Shanghai Manufacturing & Lumber Co., are combining business and a holiday on their visit here.

Monday's inward service of Imperial Airways included Mrs. A. Raworth, director and branch manager of the General Electric Co. of China.

Twenty-four hours and the Dutch steamer was southbound.

Mr. W. Carroll, brother of the motion picture actress, Nancy Carroll, has terminated a dancing engagement here at the Gloucester Hotel and was looking forward to his first visit in Manila with several months engagement at the Marco Polo Hotel and theatres in the south. After his performances in the Philippines this artiste expects to continue to the United States.

Accompanying the traveller is Miss G. Bond, dancer and Carroll's partner.

Mrs. D. McAvoy, one of the most charming visitors to date in our city and well-known in social, literary and sporting circles, sailed for Manila. It will be recalled that lately this keen young woman met with a severe accident while riding horseback here and consequently her health has suffered. She hopes to be returning but when she did not divulge to the many friends who bade her "bon voyage."

Air France:

IT WAS THE VILLE de Hongkong which called at Kai Tak on Wednesday at 3.40 p.m. on the Air France service.

A very excited and pretty little blonde young lady, accompanied by her well-dressed mother, attired in a costume of navy silk with matching accessories, greeted the head of the family, Mr. R. Sanger, with gusto. This plane voyager and Manager of South China Territory for the Standard Vacuum Oil Co. was returning home after a week's business excursion.

An interesting visitor and one of kind charm is Mr. F. Isako whose short and very heavy figure and a face showing the marks of a rigorous and full past attracts attention wherever he goes; arrived from Bangkok. His mission here is to secure a permit for an engagement of his well-known European circus. If he does so he will return south and bring his troupe to the Colony. We wish him the best of luck. A circus is something!

Mr. R. Clemo, son of Mr. F. C. Clemo, and a recent arrival from England by Imperial Airways' service.

British Line:

A CANADIAN LINER arrived early this week from a southern call but, sorry to say, there were many empty cabins.

The small and jolly Mr. R. E. Roxburgh, brass hat over at John I. Thornycroft & Co. Ltd. returned home from a business call in Manila. Mr. S. Howard, of the same organization, accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrington were residents returning from a business and holiday visit in the south. And Viscount T. Inouye, President of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and a member of the House of Peers in Japan returned from a brief business visit in Manila. This famous Japanese personality will pay a short call in Hongkong en route to Tokyo.

Finding Equilibrium In The Balkans: Italy's Relations With Turkey

PARIS, Jan. 10 (Havas)—Considerable importance is attached to the meeting of the Council of the Balkan Entente on Feb. 2 in Belgrade. It is considered that meeting will establish whether the new equilibrium plan for South-Eastern Europe which was worked out at Venice has chances of success.

Meanwhile, further Ital-Hungarian conversations are taking place and Count Csaky will soon be bringing a detailed answer to Signor Mussolini.

It is considered possible that Hungary will agree to forget provisionally her revisionist claims, but this concession is considered insufficient for establishing Balkan security.

The active co-operation of Yugoslavia's consent to the passage of Italian troops through her territory.

Such co-operation will be accepted in Belgrade and Bucharest only if there are no means for the formation of a block directed not only against Russia, but also against Turkey and Greece, who are Yugoslavia's and Rumania's partners in the Balkan Entente.

It will be satisfactory if a Rome-Ankara settlement is possible and hopes of this are further increased by the announcement that a Turkish Economic Mission has arrived in Rome.

ANOTHER JUNK ROBBERY

Sailing for about 10 hours, after having left Shantian Harbour for San Mei City, on January 9, at 8 a.m. with a cargo of cloth, tyres, beans, matches, pigskins, red dye powder, cooking spices, rice, nails, and kerosene oil, junk No. 1877, owned by Wong Fook, was fired upon by a large fishing junk off San Mun Custom Station.

The total value of the goods stolen amounted to \$2,100.

Mr. C. A. Arbogast, representative of Universal Leaf Tobacco, in Shanghai, is on one of those extensive business trips. He has just returned from Calcutta where business is splendid and is en

BRITAIN FACES THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE IN ALLIED CAUSE

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—The Prime Minister gave a complete review of the war situation yesterday in an address at Mansion House. Mr. Chamberlain spoke for fifty-five minutes, but made no reference to the resignation of Mr. Hore Belisha from the office of War Minister.

After reviewing the activity of the Navy, Army and Air Force and mentioning the need for sacrifices in the matter of taxation and rationing, the Premier concluded his speech by saying "we await the future with unshaken confidence in the strength of our arms and in the righteousness of our cause."

Mr. Chamberlain said that the New Year, which would probably be a fateful one in the history of the world, had opened quietly, but it was the quiet calm before the storm.

"It is only on the sea that the war may be said to be in full operation and it on the sea that we can discern most clearly the trend of hostilities in the first four months of the war," he declared.

TRIBUTE TO FINLAND

"The inexorable pressure of sea power is acting on the enemy and is producing ever increasing difficulties for her, though its results are not yet visible. You have only the Christmas orations of the German leaders to show what is ever present in their minds."

Referring to Finland, Mr. Chamberlain said that her valiant people could rest assured that our response to the resolution passed by the League will be no mere formality.

GERMAN AIMS

Concluding, Mr. Chamberlain said, "It is becoming increasingly clear that the German Government had long planned successive stages of the programme of conquest and that its appetite grows by what it feeds upon."

"Today members of that Government do not hesitate to say that they desire to achieve the ruin of the British Empire and no doubt they would rejoice if they could treat us as they are treating victims who are already within their grasp."

JAPANESE CLAIM OF VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL IN N. KWANGTUNG FRONT IS BELIED

SHIUKWAN, Jan. 10 (Central)—The following is a translation of a diary found on the body of a Japanese officer of the Konoye Division, recently killed in action on the North Kwangtung Front, which belies the Japanese claim of a voluntary withdrawal in north Kwangtung.

"This (Konoye) Division is composed of two infantry detachments and one cavalry, one artillery and one engineering detachments being well-trained and equipped.

"Unfortunately the leather shoes which the officers and soldiers wore were unfit for action on mountainous terrain, and they were provided with only five days' provisions, the supply line having been cut. As a result, the Division was routed when the Chinese launched heavy attacks."

It is reported that the Japanese Taniguchi Division which took part in the drive in the Chung-tao mountain range last month suffered serious casualties. Between 200 and 300 who survived are reported to be cornered by the Chinese in the villages west of Linfen.

ANKING ENTERED

CHUNGKING, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—A Chinese field despatch from the Anhwei front claims that on the

NEW AIR FORCE COMMAND POST APPROVED: CLOSER CO-OPERATION WITH ARMIES IN THE FIELD

LONDON, JAN. 10 (REUTER)—IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT AN AIR FORCE COMMAND, TO INCLUDE ALL UNITS OF THE AIR FORCE IN FRANCE, WILL BE FORMED.

It will be designated the "British Air Forces in France" and will be under the command of an Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, who will also be responsible, in consultation with the Army Commanders-in-Chief concerned, for ensuring the most effective support by the British Air Forces for the B.E.F. and French Armies on the Western Front.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Air-Marshal A. S. Barratt has been appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the French Air Forces, he will also be responsible for co-ordinating the operations of the Air Forces in France with those of the French Air Forces.

Complete Identity Of Views

Premier's Speech Approved In France

PARIS, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Mr. Chamberlain's speech is warmly welcomed and approved in official circles. Again proof is given of the complete identity of views between the two Governments, as shown by the parallelism on all important points between Mr. Chamberlain's speech and that of M. Daladier's most recent public statement.

NO REVENGE
It is stressed that both statesmen proclaimed that no spirit of revenge animates their peoples against Germany, but since the German nation associated itself with its present rulers, it is natural that the Allies should obtain material guarantees of peace.

The same importance is attached to the hope expressed that the Anglo-French economic and financial agreement would outlast the war and become a nucleus for wider international agreements.

DANGER TO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—The Chief of the Swedish Military College emphasised the danger to Sweden of the Russian aggression on Finland.

He said that even if the Soviets do not attack Sweden immediately after the conquest of Finland she will only be abiding time.

CHENGCHOW, Jan. 10 (Central)—Reports received here state that anti-war handbills have been dropped by Japanese planes over Chinsia, Chaoyuan, Laiyang, Haikang and other places in the Shantung Peninsula.

EMPIRE SUPPORT

"We are supported by the peoples of the Empire, by the power and resolution of France, and by the moral approval of all who realise that the fate of civilisation is bound up with our success."

"Against such a combination as that the powers of wickedness will fight in vain. But we are at the beginning of this new era and we await the future with unshaken confidence in the strength of our arms and in the righteousness of our cause (Cheers)."

ADMIRAL STARK'S PROPOSALS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Admiral Stark, chief of U.S. Naval Operations, addressing the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, stated that according to the present naval studies, the United States may build 50,000 or 52,000-ton battleships, but not larger vessels.

SISTER-SHIPS

Admiral Stark revealed that the two battleships for which President Roosevelt had last week asked for initial funds will be "practically" sister-ships of the two 45,000-ton ships for which Congress in 1938 had voted funds with which to begin construction.

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Despite all efforts to save his life, the doctor, who was known among the Chinese as the "benefactor of guerrillas," drew his last breath amid a group of colleagues in the guerrilla district behind the Japanese lines in North Shensi.

LECTURE TOUR PLANS

Just before his death, Dr. Bethune was planning to leave China and conduct a lecture tour

CABLE

BIG BATTLE IN FINLAND

SOVIET PRESSURE ON "WAIST-LINE"

HELSINKI, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Reports indicate that in a successful battle around Soumussalmi, about 6,000 Soviet troops were killed and 1,000 taken prisoner. The remnants are still being harassed.

SOVIET PRESSURE

The 44th Division of the Soviet Army is being sent to maintain pressure on Finland's "waist-line" and to relieve the 132nd Division, which was shattered by the Finns some days ago.

RED WITHDRAWAL

MOSCOW, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—A communiqué issued by the Lenigrad Command Headquarters admits that the Red troops had to withdraw from the Suomussalmi area, where the Finns claim to have scored their biggest success of the war.

The communiqué says that fighting between infantry units took place west of Ickta on Sunday. As a result of which the Soviet troops withdrew several kilometres west of Suomussalmi.

RED RESISTANCE

HELSINKI, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Heavy fighting is continuing near Salla, according to reports received here.

It is understood that the Russians to the west of the town are putting up a much stiffer resistance than their comrades did at Soumussalmi.

ARMED SLEDGES

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U.S. ASSISTANCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Mr. Herbert Hoover announced the transfer of another \$100,000 to Finland for relief purposes, bringing the total so far sent to \$500,000.

AUSTRALIAN HELP

GENEVA, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Re-

plying to the League Assembly's appeal for assistance to Finland, the Australian Minister for External Affairs says that the Commonwealth Government is prepared to render such assistance as practicable and it has decided to donate £10,000 to the Finnish Government for Red Cross purposes and to approve the launching of an appeal for funds throughout Australia on behalf of the Finnish Red Cross.

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Dr. Bethune saw service in the World War and was among the Canadian volunteers for medical work in Spain. He came to China in the summer of 1937, soon after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Activity In Notification

ly in the neighbourhood of Lai-

yang.

They require particulars of

marks visible from the air in

respect of such property and they

wish to have the answer as soon

as possible."

RENEWED ACTIVITY

The Consul-General's request

coincides with the renewel out-

burst of guerilla activity in Shan-

tung, mainly in the vicinity of

Laiyang, Tatsia and Tsuchen,

For two successive days, the

railway has been interrupted

between Tsingtao and Tsinan

at Kaomi, to the west of

Tsingtao.

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Their operations, it is believed,

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PRESS AWAITING STATEMENT IN COMMONS

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Dis-

cussion on the Cabinet changes are beginning to hang fire, awaiting Mr. Hore Belisha's personal statement in the House of Commons next week.

The newspapers have covered every possible reason for his resignation and a hull is likely until they have more reliable facts to go on.

His Majesty the King returned to London from Sandringham and received Mr. Hore Belisha at Buckingham Palace, where the latter gave up his post.

Mr. Hore Belisha remained with the King for half an hour.

Immediately afterwards the King received Lord Macmillan.

"WE MUST HAVE HORE BELISHA"

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—The British Army has regained control of the forces in France, comment certain quarters, in connection with Mr. Hore Belisha's resignation.

The British Army is also learned, have decided to send heavy reinforcements to France to free the older French soldiers for industrial jobs.

"We must have Hore Belisha.

The Public should demand his reinstatement," says an advertisement appearing in sections of the British Press.

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Germany May Have To Choose Between Italy And The Soviet

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Hayas)—Several papers are of the opinion that the German-Italian dispute over the Reich's refusal to allow Italian war material to Finland transit through Germany may have serious repercussions, compelling Germany to choose between her two allies, Italy and the Soviet, since it might be difficult for her to satisfy both.

The Times' Rotterdam correspondent expressed the opinion that Germany is apparently too tied up in her east European policy to give up her ties with the Soviet despite the fact that the Soviet promised by Germany has so far not materialised and the Russian alliance was disappointing.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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Chinese Bristle Exports Grow Under Government Control Of Collection

Information from the Hongkong office of the Central Trust, which controls the sale of hog bristles, states that Chinese hog hair, both black and white, are very much in demand abroad. Agents of foreign firms have filed large advance orders for bristles. As one of China's leading products, some \$2,000,000 worth of foreign exchange was received for bristles sent abroad last year.

Since July, the exporting of pig bristles has been subject to the control of the Central Trust, a subsidiary organ of the Ministry of Finance. No dealer in bristles, after the control comes into effect, may sell the product directly abroad, nor store more than 100 piculs of black bristles or 10 piculs of white bristles for more than three months. Recently a standard price for "Chung King No. 27 black" was fixed by the Central Trust at \$70 per picul.

To encourage the rural population to turn the products to the controlling office, beginning from December 10, 1939, a bonus of \$100 per picul will be given to the dealer who can turn in his bristles within one month. The cash reward for each picul delivered within two months is \$50.

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GENERAL

FOREIGN SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY I.P.C.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 10 (Central)—That worldwide sympathy for China has mounted instead of decreasing since the beginning of war in Europe, is demonstrated by communication that have recently been received by the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign.

SWEDISH SYMPATHY

"We will now understand better than before," declared the Swedish National Committee of the International Peace Campaign in a letter to its fraternal organisation in China, "that peace must be universal and that the establishment of an international law must be the main interest for all people. Your resistance against the aggressor is a help for us!"

AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT

In a statement of policy, the Australian Council of the International Peace Campaign, Melbourne, Australia, urged continued support of the right of the Chinese people to their freedom and independence. "For many years," the Australian Council says, "the Chinese have borne the brunt of the war that might have been ours. Realisation of the cruelty of war being more alive in us should make our fellow feeling for them the more practical."

U.S.A. CHIEF BUYER

The United States of America is the chief buyer of China's hog bristles. No less than 10,500 piculs, at the value of HK \$5,400,220 were exported from Hongkong during the first nine months of 1939, the bulk of which was shipped to America. Before the European war, Germany ranked second to the United States as a bristle consumer. Efforts are now being made by the Central Trust to establish its own agencies abroad so as to eliminate middlemen.

Pig's hair for the foreign market is neatly packed in wooden cases, which are lined with heavy oil paper. Each case weighs one picul.

The products in the cases are tidily arranged in small bundles. Before the bristles are ready to be transported to Hongkong for marketing, they go through the processes of thorough cleaning and washing, trimming, and packing.

The hair is sent to some washing-houses after collection from country districts. Bristles are soaked in big tanks which contain weak chemical solutions for a period of from ten days to two weeks. Then they are thoroughly washed, combed, carefully sorted according to the length, and trimmed.

RATIONALISATION

Six main collecting offices have been established by the Central Trust in the following districts: Kansu-Shensi, Yunnan, Hunan-Ewangtung, Chekiang, Fukien, and Szechwan-Kweichow. Besides these main offices numerous collecting agencies are found in various bristle producing centres. At present, Szechuan bristles lead in both quantity and quality.

As the price of white bristles is higher than that of black, attempts are being made in various parts of China to increase the stock of white pigs by cross-breeding. Meanwhile, experiments are being carried out to increase both the length and the density of bristles on hogs so as to further raise their value as one of China's chief exports. (C.I.C.)

NEWSSETTES

Mr. S. Howard, of Messrs. John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manlia.

Mr. D. C. Miller, of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., of Manlia, arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

The Prize Giving in connection with the League of Nations Essay Competition will take place today at St. Stephen's Girls' College, Lyttleton Road, at 5 p.m.

The following were among the passengers who arrived in the Colony yesterday: Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrington, Mr. T. Mouye, Mr. Lu Hong, Mr. Wong Chao.

The following passengers passed through Hongkong yesterday: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. M. Carter, Mr. and Mr. E. E. Burgess, Mr. V. Levin, Miss R. Brillo, Mrs. M. Pyle, Mrs. W. Burgess, Mr. M. D. Budrami.

The quarterly general meeting of the Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association, Hongkong Branch, will be held in the Corpses' Room, Wellington Barracks, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 5 p.m.

The wedding of Mr. Tsang Chung Wan, the First Division footballer, who has been playing left full-back for Eastern for several years, to Miss Chan Fik Chun will take place on Saturday at the Luk Kwook Hotel.

VICEROY & LADY WILLINGDON

CALCUTTA, Jan. 10 (Reuter)—Lord and Lady Willingdon, who are on their way to New Zealand as representatives of Britain in the Centenary Celebrations, arrived here by Imperial Airways plane yesterday. They spent the night at Government House.

QUININE PILLS FOR CHINESE TROOPS

CHUNGKING, Jan. 10 (Central)

—In response to an appeal to the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign, which has asked its branches in 43 countries to launch a drive for quinine pills which are greatly needed by the Chinese troops.

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CHINA BUILDS

"ECONOMIC WALL" AGAINST JAPAN

CHUNGKING, Jan. 10 (Central)

—China has built a 3,000-mile "economic wall" against Japan, extending from Kwango to the deserts in Inner Mongolia, via Fukien, Chekiang, Anhwei, Hupei, Shantung, Honan, Hopei, Shensi and Suiyuan, according to financial circles.

TONIC & SEDATIVE

Mr. Winston Churchill before leaving France, said in a statement about the Maginot Line, that anyone at home would benefit very much by spending a few days with the French and British armies. They would find it at once a tonic and sedative.

The Chinese Government has divided the provinces in the war zone into five areas, namely, the Hoepi-Shantung-Honan area, the Shensi-Shensi area, the Kiangsi-Chekiang-Anhwei-Kiangsi area, the Hunan-Hupei area and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi area. In each area an inspection office and many sub-offices have been established to prevent the infiltration of Japanese goods either from Japan or from Japanese "occupied" areas, and the outflow of legal tender notes and Chinese products.

Inspection is most strictly applied to all forms of transport by land, water and air.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Jan. 10.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.22 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 80 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Temperature; maximum yesterday,

70 F.

Temperature; minimum last night, 61 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs, ending 10 a.m.

today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st,

nil.

Against an average of, 0.24 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.57 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.06 a.m.

4 p.m., Jan. 10.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.15 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 78 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Maximum temperature, 68 F.

Minimum temperature, 61 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 11 to 17 Jan. 1940.

HIGH WATER LOW WATER

	High Water	Low Water
Day	Height	Height
Thur. 11	h. m.	h. m.
	11.29	4.7
	22.18	7.4
Fri. 12	12.10	4.7
	23.40	7.1
Sat. 13	12.42	4.8
	23.10	6.7
Sun. 14	13.15	4.9
	23.20	6.2
Mon. 15	—	—
	13.45	4.9
Tues. 16	00.00	5.7
	14.11	5.0
Wed. 17	00.24	5.2
	14.45	5.5

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and demand 1/2 1/8

On New York:—

Bank Bills, on demand 2/4 3/8

Credits, 60 days' sight 25

On Batavia:—

On demand 45 3/8

On Paris:—

Bank E.C., on demand 1/88

Credits 4 months' sight 1140

On Saigon:—

On demand 1.8 1/4

On Manila:—

On demand 48 3/4

On Bangkok:—

On demand 150 1/4

Sterling Notes:—

Bank Buying Rate ... 1/37 7/8

Bar Silver per oz. 21 7/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 21.7/8 for Ready and 21.13/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported speculators as having bought. A small business was done. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 4021/2. New York-London was quoted at 395.7/8.

Market

Quiet

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/228/32 January/March and 1/27/8 April, buyers at 1/215/16 Cash and 1/229/32 April

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 249/16 January and 247/16 February, buyers at 2411/16 Cash, 245/8 January and 249/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

305 sellers, buyers possibly at 306.

Shanghai Market

Sellers of Sterling for Spot at 427/32 and U.S. Dollars at 731/32 sellers for Spot

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 10 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/2
New York 7-3/8
Japan 31-1/4
India 27-7/8
Paris 3.30
Hongkong 30-1/8

Sellers

Opening

Closing

Spot 0/4-27/32 0/4-55/64
Jan. 0/4-53/64 0/4-27/32
Feb. 0/4-49/64 0/4-25/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot 27-31/32 \$8
Jan. 7-29/32 7-31/32
Feb. 7-25/32 7-27/32

Market: Quiet but steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-27/32

U.S. Dollars, 27-15/18

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 154

per cent

New York Exchange

New York, Jan. 9 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate).

395-3/8.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 9 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 20-1/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Jan. 9 (Reuter).

Government 34% Rupee, 88-0 nominal.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 9 (Reuter).

TIN

Buyers sellers

2 2

Standard, Cash 250 250-1/2

Standard.

3 months 249 249-1/4

Standard, Settment Price 250-1/2

Straits 275-1/4

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, January 9.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

Previous January 9

Closing Opening Closing Change

Buyers Buyers

S P O T 38-1/2 38-3/4 38-7/8 up 1/8

APRIL-JUNE 37-3/8 37-5/8 37-5/8 up 1/8

JULY-SEPT. 36-1/2 36-3/4 36-3/4 up 1/4

The market was quiet but steady.

LONDON RUBBER Previous close Today's close

buyer buyer Change

S P O T 11-11/16 11-12/16 up 1/8

APRIL-JUNE 11-5/8 11-3/4 up 1/8

JULY-SEPT. 11-9/16 11-5/8 up 1/8

The market was steadier on overnight buying by America and some Home trade enquiry.

NEW YORK COTTON: Selling was quite active including further sales which are believed to be hedging against loan repossession. Buying by spinners was less urgent. Far Eastern and Continental interests, however, bought on setbacks.

NEW YORK RUBBER: London continued to be an aggressive buyer but some hedge-selling by dealers and expectations of shipments restrained the advance.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Lack of exports and reports of cold weather with moderate rains in the South-West induced additional liquidation. Farmers are unwilling sellers at the decline but the resumption of exports is necessary to any sustained prices.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 151.34; Today's close, 149.84; Change, off 1.50.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

Prev. To-day's

High Low Close Close Change

New York Cotton, Mar. 11.11 11.06 11.13 11.10 .03 off

New York Rubber, Mar. 19.55 19.45-10.30 19.50b 20 up

Chicago Wheat, May 103 101 103 101 1/4 up

Chicago Corn, May 59 58 59 58 1/4 up

New York Hides, Mar. 15.05 14.80 15.02N 14.80 .22 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

January 11.23/23 11.20 A 11.18 N .05 off

March 11.13/15 11.08/09 11.10/10 .03 off

May 10.84/84 10.81/81 10.79/79 .05 off

July 10.49/50 10.47/48 10.43/44 .06 off

July (New contract) 10.71 N 10.72/71 10.65 N .06 off

October 10.06/06 10.06/06 9.97/97 .06 off

December 10.00/00 9.99/99 9.91 M .09 off

Spot 11.46 N 11.43 N .03 off

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 73,100 bales

NOTE:—January cotton, last notice day: 17.140.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March 19.30/30 19.40b/45a 19.50b/55a .20 up

May 19.00/00 19.10/12 19.22/22 .22 up

July 18.65b/72a 18.85/90 18.83b/87a .15 up

September 18.45b/48a 18.62/62 .17 up

December 18.30/30 18.48 N .18 up

Total sales for day—2,000 tons.

CHICAGO CORN

May 59/54 59/59 58 1/2 up

July 59/59 59/59 59/59 up

September 69/60 69/60 69/60 up

Mondays sales:—20,254,000 bushels.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

May 88 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2 up

July 87 1/2 87 1/2 87 1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March 15.02 N 15.05/05 14.80/81 .22 up

June 15.30/34 15.32b/38a 15.10/10 .20 up

New York, Official 34-3/4

Kennebunk Copper 3.95-7/8

NY-London Cross Rate: 3.95

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

JAN. 10, 1940

STOCKS Last Sale Jan. 9

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Alleghany Steel Co. 21

Allied Stores 81

Allis Chalmers 304

Aluminum Ltd. 98

Amer. Can 114

American Cyanimid B. 334

Amer. & Foreign Power 24

Ameri & Foreign 67 pf. 27

American Gas & Elec. 38

Amer. Locomotive 21

Amer. Metals Co. 23

Amer. Radiator 101

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Amer. Sizing and R'ing Co. 504

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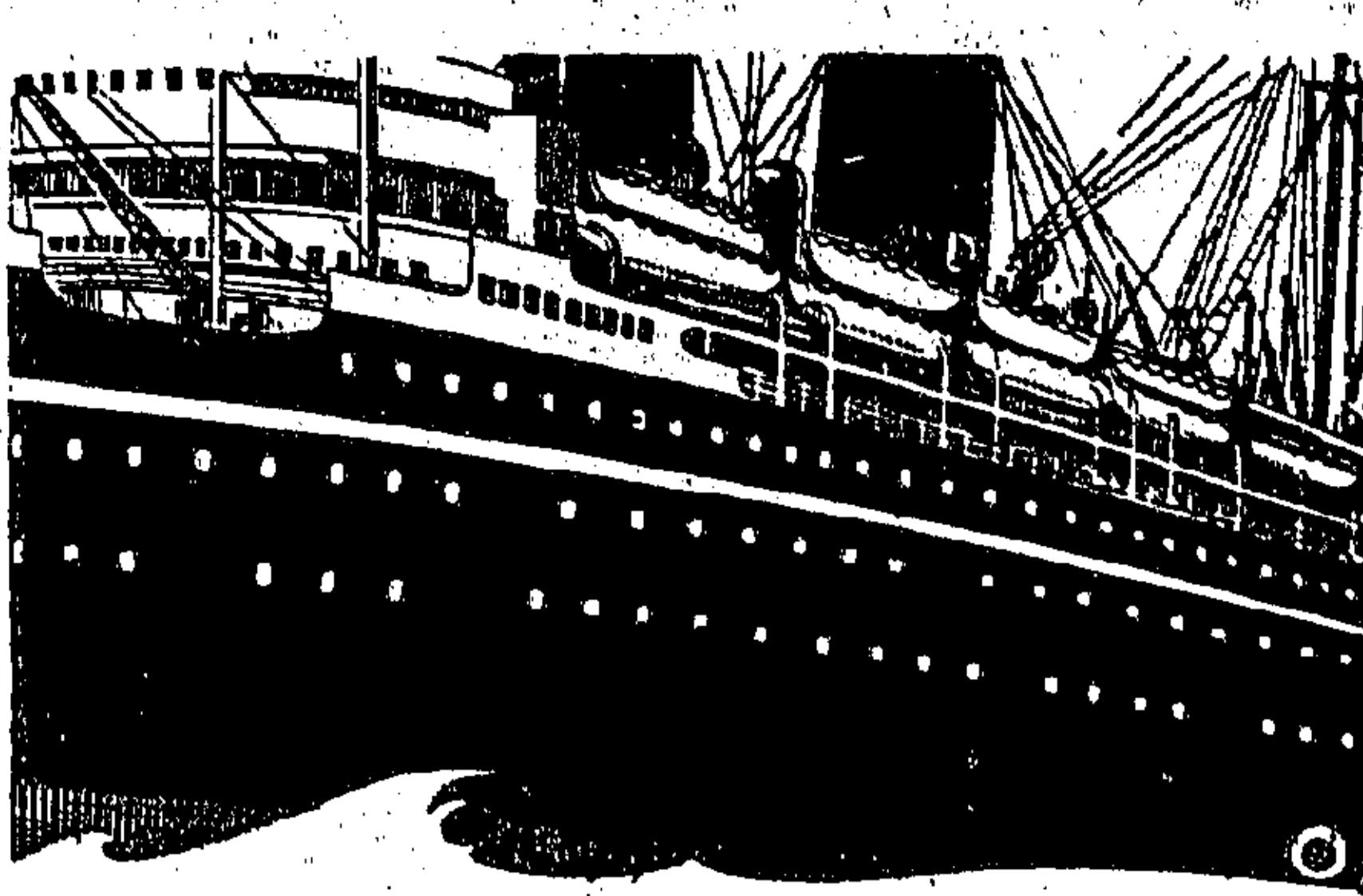
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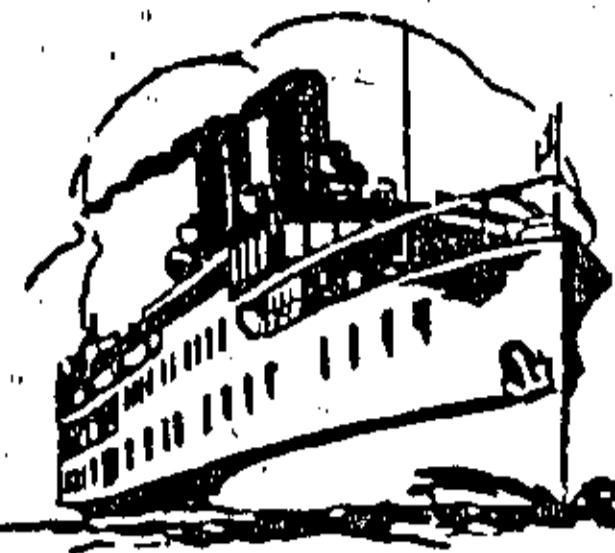
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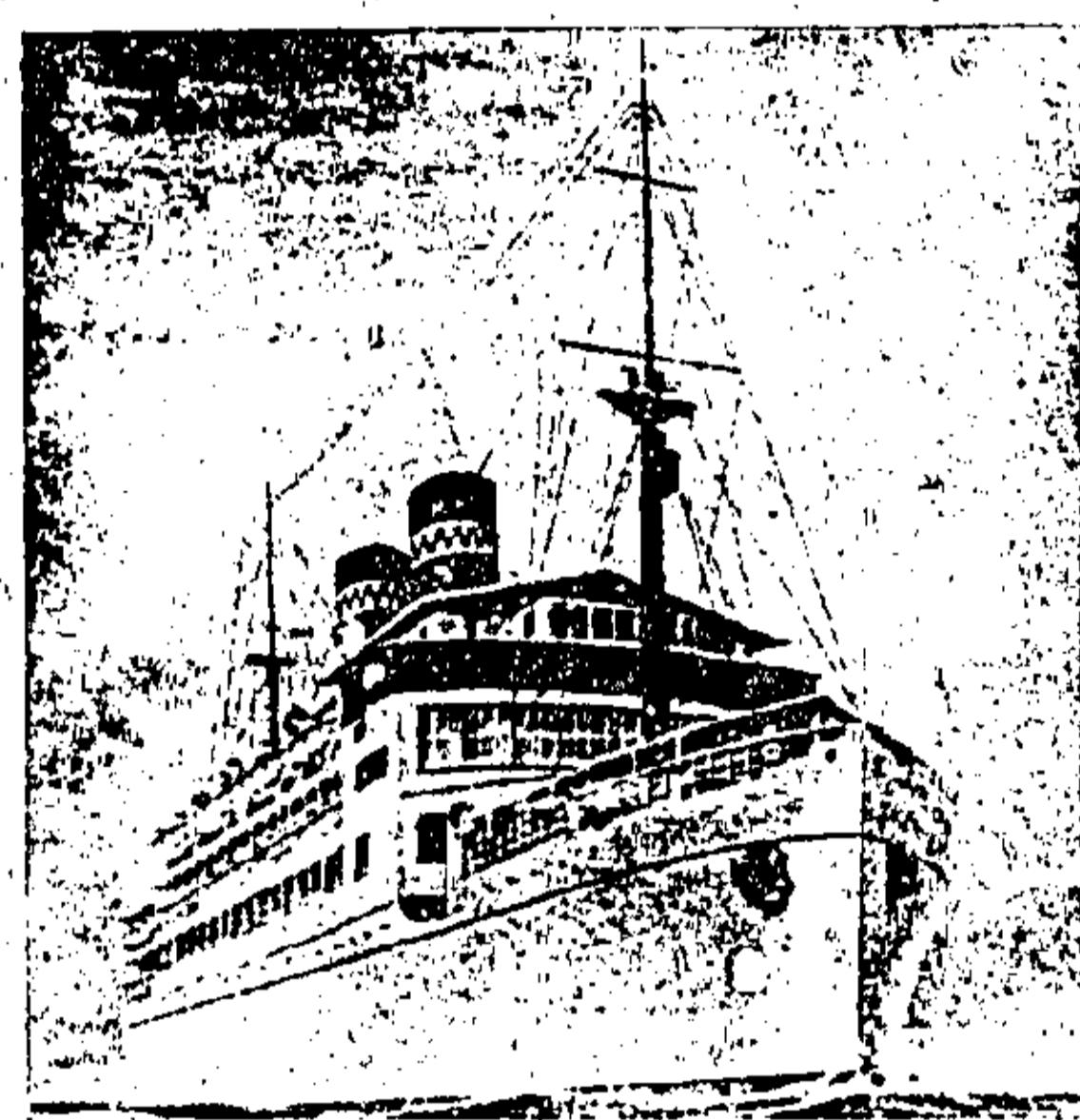
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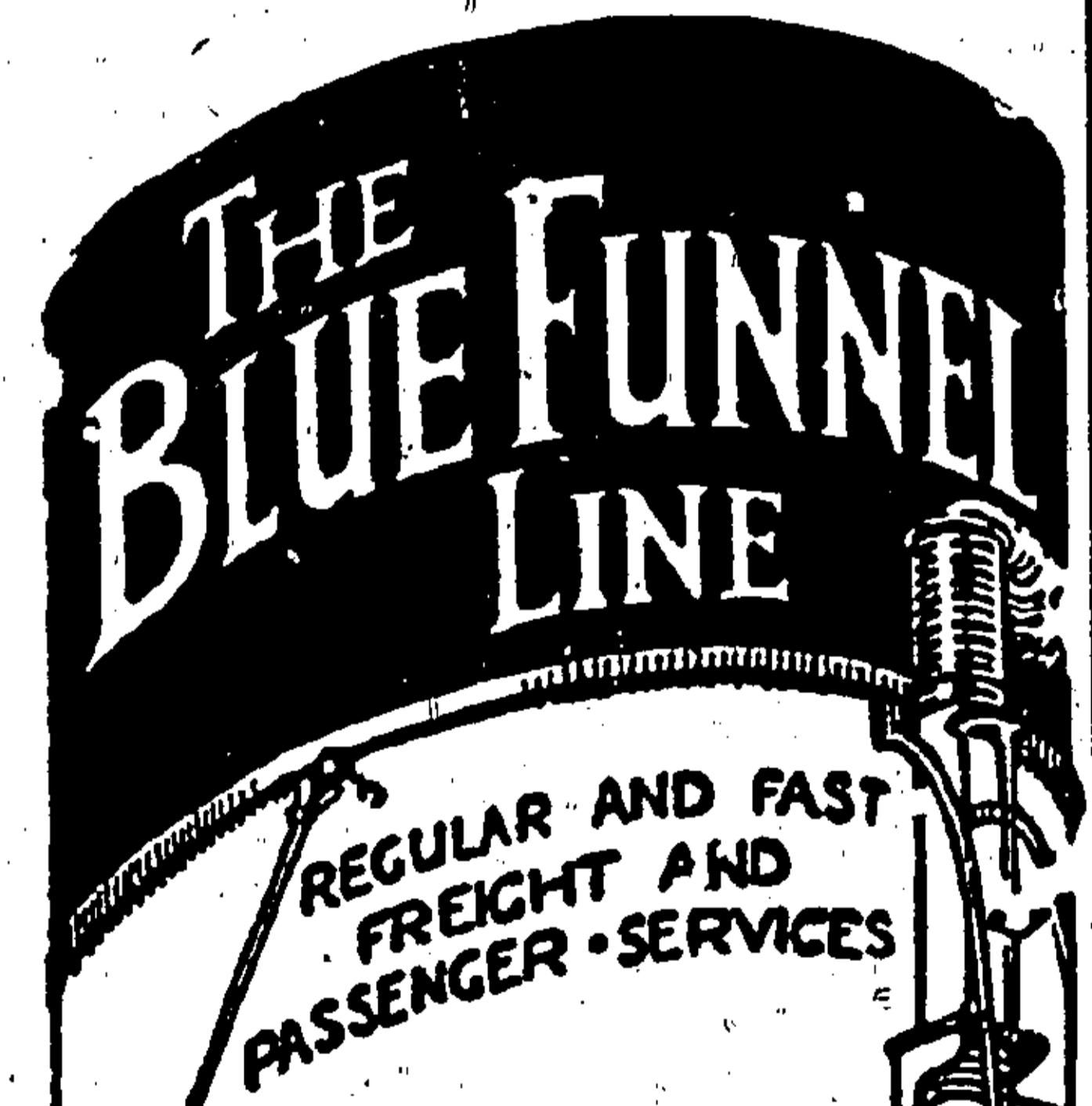
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UNION CASTLE LINER SUNK BY NAZI MINE: THRILLING RESCUES

LONDON, JAN. 10 (REUTER)—THE 10,000-TON UNION CASTLE LINER, DUNBAR CASTLE OUTWARD BOUND FOR THE CAPE, with 200 passengers and crew, was sunk off the South-East Coast of Britain yesterday, the victim of a Nazi mine.

It is believed that all the passengers, numbering about 48, got away in the two ship's boats, which, after drifting about the Channel, were picked up and brought ashore by a coastal motor barge.

About 90 survivors were landed in six boats at a south-east coast port and the others were put ashore at another port. The explosion, which crumpled the bridge and decks and blew out the foremost killed the commander, Captain Causton, and two members of the crew.

According to accounts given by survivors, the ship was broken by the explosion. There was a huge crack in her and she broke in two before sinking about half an hour after the explosion.

SHOCK VIOLENTLY

The liner only sailed at nine o'clock in the morning. Shortly after lunch there was a terrific explosion. The ship shook violently, the lights went out and the

WORST SUFFERERS

Some of the worst sufferers by the explosion were those working in the liner's galley, some of whom had their clothes blown off them and were badly scorched by burning oil and fat which were flung in all directions.

The courage of the stewards was commented upon by one passenger, who said: "The stewards put up a very fine show. The galley caught fire and I saw a steward rush through the flames with her apron alight.

When next I saw her she was rowing in one of the lifeboats. The crew all behaved marvellously."

Peter Lo and Joseph Tsang (St. Teresa's) beat J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher 21-16; beat P. Winter-Blyth and T. Kevin 21-7; beat J. R. Turner and H. Jones 21-5.

John Chen and F. Chang (St. Teresa's) beat Anderson and Fisher 21-8; lost to Winter-Blyth and Kevin 10-21; beat Turner and Jones 21-22.

RECREO WIN.
Recreo defeated King's College by five games to four.

SOFTBALL NOTES

Continued from Page 2
Mrs. Burson worked hard in the field.

AN EASY TIME
The Wildcats had an unexpectedly easy time against the Baby Panthers and finally ran out on the long end of a 22-4 score.

The opposing moundsmen, Lily Mar and Irene Tavares, both pitched steady ball, but the former, with a triple and three singles, led her hard hitting team-mates in a slashing attack, in which Doris Mar and Virginia Chu each connected thrice.

Melvie Campos was, once again, the Panther Kittens' best stick artist although L. Xavier clouted a double.

BASE HITS GALORE
The Canadian Chinese lassies gave another womanlike performance to take the Cardinals 17-6. Extra base hits galore were a feature of the fracas, Ulian Khoo leading the parade with a round tripper. Jessie Wong polled out two doubles and a triple, while two-baggers were also registered by Mabel Vivian and Mary Louie for the winners.

Betty Longbottom and Babida for the losers, Maria Roza slapped out three bingles for a perfect average.

CHAMPIONS DOWNED
A huge crowd was on hand to witness the clash in which the U.S.S. Tulsa downed the local champions by a narrow 9-8 margin after both had staged high scoring rallies in the last semester of a nine inning battle.

With the score tied at 5-all, the Rambling Rebs got to Snuffy Ballay for three jallies, in the first of the ninth, when Koslosky dropped a couple of lazy flies in the centre garden.

LONGEST HOMER.
Not to be denied, however, the Mighty "T" came back with four tallies to win by a nose. In that winning rally, Peterson drove out the longest homer ever seen on the Recrelo ground.

Mentor Buck Young now claims the championship of South China, but the Tulsa boys take up a stiff challenge when they meet the Combin'd Chineses, in a charity match at the Kowloon Football Club ground, next Sunday.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL IN SH'AI

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10 (REUTER)—Completing one of the biggest real estate deals in recent years, Moller's Limited has purchased the block of property at the corner of Avenue Edward VII and the French Bund from the International Savings Society for £35,000, according to the British press.

NEW ZEALAND'S PART IN THE WAR

WELLINGTON, Jan. 10 (REUTER)—"Those who are eligible and can join the forces should do so," said Mr. Fraser, Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand, yesterday.

"All should play their part. New Zealand's promises and commitments to Britain must be honoured."

"In all matters, military and supply, New Zealand is acting in the closest consultation with Britain and the other Dominions," he concluded.

U-BOAT SUNK

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 10 (REUTER)—The U-Boat which attacked the Highland Patriot is reported to have been sunk after a two-hour fight, according to the newspaper O Globo, which says that the information was supplied by members of the Highland Patriot's crew.

The British Embassy neither confirms nor denies the report.

Sustaining a crushed finger while working at a printing press in Chiu Loong Street last night, a printer, Lee Kam-ming, 37, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the morning gallops at the Race Course yesterday:

Dis-	1st	Qr.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Last
Warrego River (A)	3	44	1.23	1.56	2				33.2
Lancashire Lass	3	36	1.08	2.139					30.3
Eve of Dancing (G)	1	35.2	1.11	1.46	2.19				33
Spring Shine (A)	3	37	1.12	1.423					30.3
Ajax	1	43	1.20	1.534	2.224				29
Snowy River	3	34	1.06	2.134					28.2
Perola D'Orient (A)	1	38.1	1.123	1.423	2.10				27.2
Shuttlecock (A)	3	37	1.11	1.401					29.1
Forehand Drive (A) and Kitt (A)	1	39.3	1.134	1.453	2.15				29.2
Comedy Star (A)	1	36	1.122	1.482	2.182				30
Vanity Star (A) and Sea Jay (A)	3	31.1	1.04	1.33					29
Pumelo (A)	1	37.3	1.13	1.46	2.154				29.4
Sapper (A)	1	35.3	1.11	1.46	2.161				30.1
Derby Day	1	28.1	59.2	1.30	2.00				29.2
Rowan (A)	1	39.3	1.123	1.432	2.113				28.1
A Roaring Time	1	39	1.19	1.59	2.34				34.3
Phoenix	1	43	1.22	1.584	2.303				31.4
Busyflight (A) and Quick Despatch (A)	1	46	1.28	2.08	2.422				34.2
Amber II	1	35	1.10	1.424	2.134				31
Rose Flora and Smiling Time	1	36.3	1.15	1.50	2.234				33.4
Ascot Day (A)	1	34	1.08	2.35	2.03				27.3
Hughes (G)	3	37	1.10	2.140	2.2				31
Aust. No. 5 (A) and Cairn-toul	1	45.1	1.25	2.00	2.294				29
Plain View	1	36.3	1.10	1.48	2.204				34.1
Franklin (A)	1	40.4	1.15	1.50	2.19				29
Johnster (G)	1	35	1.07	1.39	2.082				29.2
Amicitus Curiae (A)	1	36.3	1.10	1.39					29
Nancy Lee (A)	2	33.3	1.04	1.35	2.2				30.4
Circe (A)	1	36.4	1.12	1.44	2.134				29.2
Finalist (A)	1	36.4	1.17	1.57	2.233				35.3
Comph (G)	1	39	1.16	1.54	2.31				37
Radon (A)	1	31.3	1.03	1.32	2.02				29.3
Eve of Paradise (G)	1	35.3	1.08	1.41	2.13				32
Viceroy (A) and Alper (A)	1	36.4	1.09	2.140	2.072				27
Conniefer (A)	1	41	1.20	1.55	2.281				31.1
Little Princess (G)	1	38	1.16	1.51	2.244				33
Craigavon (G)	1	33.3	1.08	1.42	2.101				28.1
Piccadilly Jim (A) and Castlemaine (A)	4	34	1.08	1.37	2.2				29.2
Albury (A)	1	33.2	1.02	1.32	1.593				27.3
Mr. Eu's Griffin J55 (G)	1	36.3	1.10	1.45	2.183				33
Sapper (A)	1	34	1.08	1.43	2.183				33
Mr. Eu's Griffin J56 (G)	1	33.2	1.07	1.41	2.142				32.4
Dupont Bay (G) and Hillsboro Bay (G)	14	41	1.19	1.57	2.333	3.06			32.2
Osage (G)	1	38.2	1.16	1.51	2.234				32.4
Alexandria Bay (G)	14	—	—	2.05	2.422	3.19	3.524	33.4	
Mount Hope Bay (G)	14	41	1.21	1.50	2.39	3.15	3.45	30	
Laurabur (G)	37	1.12	1.43	2.21				31.1	